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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application by addition of the following new claim:

49. (NEW) The method according to claim 1, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide has a nucleotide sequence of from about 20 to about 26 nucleotides which is selected from the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID No.: 4.

A check in the sum of \$9.00 representing the fee for an additional dependent claim is enclosed herewith.

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